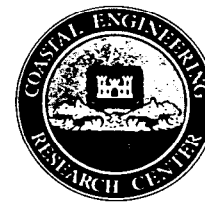


Coastal Engineering Technical Note



WATERWAYS EXPERIMENT STATION LIBRARY

PURPOSE: To indicate types of publications available, procedure for borrowing data, and persons to contact.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE: The US Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station (WES) library has a collection of technical information, including coastal engineering, which is among the nation's most extensive. This library has information in the following areas: shore processes, winds, waves, tides, surges, currents (as they apply to coastal flood and storm protection), beach erosion control, coastal engineering works, navigation improvement; sedimentation, hydrography tidal hydraulics, hydraulic models, and coastal ecology.

The WES Library contains approximately 500,000 items including books, technical reports, pamphlets, reprints, microforms, and monographs. Current periodical subscriptions number approximately 1650 titles. CERC collections are presently being incorporated into the WES collections.

PROCEDURES FOR BORROWING: When requesting a publication, it is important to supply accurate information on the "Author," "Title," and "Publisher and Date of Publication." Give the "Call Number" if it is known.

All library holdings, with the exception of reference material, conference proceedings, and periodicals, can be borrowed indefinitely by WES personnel. Persons other than WES employees may borrow these holdings on 30-day loan. Reprints of conference papers and journal articles are supplied rather than being loaned. Materials which are already out on loan may be called in, and if a copy is returned as a result of the call-in, it can then be loaned.

Material which is needed for official use but is not owned by the WES Library can be requested by the WES Library from other libraries. In most cases, the loan period is usually limited to 30 days.

CONTACT: The first step is to contact your own librarian. If the information is not available in your local library, your librarian should contact the WES Library. The WES Library offers a wide range of services, from answering specific questions to compiling bibliographies. The library staff will assist you in finding specific books or reports; instruct you in the use of indexes,

abstracts, and other reference materials; or suggest other sources of information. Bibliographies, in response to specific requests, can be obtained from outside sources as well as compiled by library staff. These services may be free or a fee may be charged, depending on the extent of work required.

In addition to the OCLC System, the WES Library has the DIALOG on-line Bibliographic Retrieval Systems which contains approximately 200 DATABASES. Commonly used DATABASES for coastal engineering subjects are: Oceanic Abstracts, Compendex (includes Engineering Index), National Technical Information Service (NTIS) which indexes Government sponsored projects, and Government Printing Office.

If you have difficulty locating an item or need more information, contact your local librarian. Then, if necessary, call or have your librarian call the WES Library staff at the phone numbers below. Normal work hours are Monday through Friday from 0700 to 1730. The area code is 601.

Reference	634-2355 or 634-2543
Circulation (for extension of loans)	634-2545
Chief, Library Branch	634-2542